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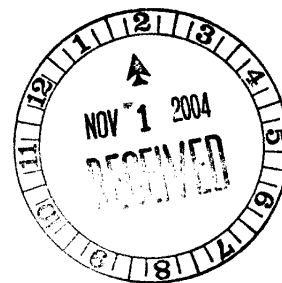
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Re: Central Columbiana and Pennsylvania Railway, Inc. Case
No. 4:04-BK-16887

and

STB Docket No. AB-556 (Sub-No. 2X), Railroad Ventures, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption – Between Youngstown, OH and
Darlington, PA in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, OH and
Beaver County, PA.

Dear Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to a communication from Attorney Richard Wilson concerning speculations of his client Railroad Ventures Inc. (RVI) as to the intentions of the Columbiana County Port Authority (CCPA) concerning the Youngstown – Darlington rail line it acquired pursuant to Offer of Financial Assistance Procedures.

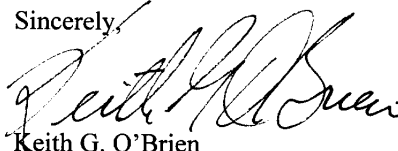
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As counsel for CCPA I want to assure the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and all other interested parties that CCPA remains well aware of the obligations and responsibilities it undertook when it saved the line from abandonment by RVI in accordance with OFA procedures. Contrary to RVI's speculations CCPA has no intention of disposing of its interest in the line contrary to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904 (f) (4) (A).

CCPA's immediate concern is focused on the need to alleviate the service disruption that has resulted from the bankruptcy of the current lease operator. Any replacement of that operator will be accomplished with the concurrence of the Bankruptcy Trustee and wholly in accordance with STB procedures.

CCPA earnestly hopes that the STB will soon decide related issues that are currently pending before the agency as such decisions should facilitate steps necessary to ensure early resumption of fully responsive service in the interest of all concerned.

Sincerely,



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